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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENT FEES

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Notification of Insufficient Fees mailed on April 16, 2007 be withdrawn. When filing this U.S. national phase application, Applicant paid \$100 for the search fee as indicated on a copy of the transmittal letter (Exhibit A). The \$100 fee was paid because the search fee for the corresponding PCT international application was paid to the USPTO as the international searching authority. A copy of the Notification Concerning Payment of Prescribed Fees for that PCT application is attached as Exhibit B. As indicated on the second page of Exhibit B, the \$1,000 search fee was paid to the USPTO as the international searching authority. Exhibit C includes a copy of the Fee Calculation Sheet used when the original PCT application was filed, including the designation at 12-2-2 that the USPTO was designated as the international searching authority.

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Accordingly, Applicant was only required to pay the \$100 search fee that has been paid when this U.S. national phase application was filed. Therefore, the Notification of Insufficient Fees is incorrect and should be withdrawn. Applicant has paid all necessary fees associated with the filing of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Response to Notification of Insufficient Fees is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 25, 2007.

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